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FOR OES/SCI/BMP/RICHMOND AND NSF - DR. E. BURGER AND MR. RICHARD GRAY

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SUBJ MOSST DEPUTY MINISTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON

1. THIS MESSAGE WILL CONFIRM THAT DR. MAURICE LECLAIR, SECRETARY (DEPUTY MINISTER) OF MINISTRY OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (MOSST) HAS ACCEPTED THE DATES, MARCH 3-5, FOR HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON FOR THE PURPOSE OF MEETING WITH DR. STEVER, NSF, AND OTHER KEY OFFICIALS IN TECHNICAL PROGRAM AGENCIES AND CONGRESS.

2. EMBASSY ANTICIPATES THAT FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE SHORTLY AROUND WHICH TO PLAN PROGRAM FOR THIS VISIT. FOR PRELIMINARY PLANNING PURPOSES, HOWEVER, FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE SUGGESTED FOR CONSIDERATION:

A. LECLAIR WOULD APPRECIATE SUFFICIENT TIME WITH DR. STEVER TO EXPLORE TO THEIR MUTUAL SATISFACTION THE STATUS OF THE SCIENCE POLICY ORGANIZATION IN CANADA AND THE U.S.

B. LECLAIR DESIRES, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, TO MEET WITH OES ASSISTANT SECRETARY-DESIGNATE RAY TO DISCUSS ROLE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN FOREIGN POLICY. (FYI: IN VIEW OF FACT THAT MOSST IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CANADIAN SCIENCE COUNSELOR PROGRAM, OES SHOULD ANTICIPATE POSSIBILITY THAT HE MAY WISH TO EXPLORE U.S. POLICY AND PROCEDURE VIS-A-VIS ITS OWN SCIENCE COUNSELORS AND ATTACHES. SEE OTTAWA A-638, DECEMBER 10, 1974. END FYI.)

C. IN ADDITION TO FOREGOING AND AS TIME PERMITS, LECLAIR WILL NO DOUBT DESIRE TO MEET WITH OTHER OFFICIALS OF TECHNICAL PROGRAM

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AGENCIES, E.G., AT ERDA, NIG, NBS, ETC. LECLAIR IS NOT

REPEAT NOT ONE WHO LIKES TO TOUR LABORATORIES, PARTICULARLY IF TRAVELING TO AND FROM THEM CONSUMES OTHERWISE VALUABLE TIME. ACCORDINGLY, DEPT OR NSF MAY WISH TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF A MEETING IN A CENTRAL LOCATION WITH SEVERAL APPROPRIATE KEY OFFICIALS FROM PROGRAM AGENCIES. SOLE EXCEPTION MIGHT BE NIH INASMUCH AS LECLAIR IS MEDICAL DOCTOR. HIS FULL BIOGRAPHY IS BEING POUCHED (OTTAWA A-26, DEC. 15, 1975). D. LECLAIR WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET APPROPRIATE KEY FIGURES WHO MAY BE AVAILABLE THAT ARE INTERESTED IN SCIENCE AND SCIENCE POLICY IN THE CONGRESS.

2. DEPT AND NSG WILL WISH TO KEEP IN MIND THAT LECLAIR IS TENTATIVELY VIEWING THIS VISIT AS A FACTFINDING AND GET-ACQUAINTED VISIT, PREPARATORY TO A POSSIBLE VISIT LATER THIS YEAR BY THE MINISTER HIMSELF, MR. DRURY.
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